The Feed Standard Certification Programme

The publishing of the Feed Standard is the first step of the feed certification programme which will operationalise the standard and enable feed mills to achieve certification. In this document all the next steps of the feed certification programme are laid out.

The different documents which will be published as part of the feed certification programme are shown in the diagram below and those of relevance for feed mills in particular are highlighted.

Feed Standard Certification Programme Steps

**Publication of the Feed Standard**

*When?* 15th June 2021

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The ASC Feed Standard v1.0 was published on the 15th June 2021. Feed mills and their suppliers and any interested stakeholders are encouraged to review the standard in order to understand its requirements.

**Public consultation and pilots of the CAR & RUoC**

*When?* September/October 2021

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The Certification and Accreditation Requirements (CAR) and the Requirements for Unit of Certification (RUoC) will be released for a 60-day public consultation period. We strongly encourage all interested stakeholders to review and comment.

The Certification and Accreditation Requirements (CAR): this document describes the steps a Certification Body needs to follow in order to gain applicant feed mills to audit and certify against the ASC Feed Standard from Application though to certification and all the steps in between.
Requirements for Unit of Certification (RUoC) – FeedMill: this document highlights the steps the feed mill needs to take in order to enter and undergo the audit & certification process for the ASC Feed Standard.

**Release of the CAR & RUoC**

*When?* Spring 2022

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Version 1 of the CAR and the RUoC will be released following the review of Public Consultation comments.

This marks the start of the accreditation process for CABs (Conformity Assessment Bodies). Feed mills shall also implement the Requirements for Unit of Certification (RUoC).

**Publication of the Implementation Guidance**

*When?* Spring 2022

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Version 1 of the Implementation Guidance will be published.

**Feed Standard becomes effective**

*When?* Autumn 2022

**What does this mean?** From the Effective Date, a formal initial audit can take place and, following certification timelines, an accredited certificate can be issued from the CAB to the Feed Mill and Feed can then be sold as ASC compliant.

**Farm Transition Period**

*When?* Autumn 2022

This marks the start of the 24-month transition period for farms to switch to ASC compliant feed.